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In re Patent Application of

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TOKUSHIGE

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Serial No. 09/660,926

Group Art Unit: 2811

Filed: September 13, 2000

Examiner: Hu, S.

Date: January 28, 2002

Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	21	minus highest number			
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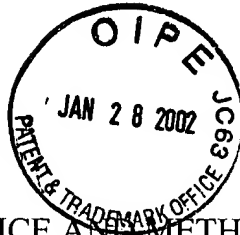
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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2002 holding the subject matter of claims 1-20 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claim 21, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-20 are readable) for further substantive examination. The Applicant(s) further elect Embodiment 1 (Figs. 1a-1b, claims 1-6 and 11) for further prosecution in the event no generic claim is finally held to be allowable..

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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